If I could get a friend return to Rock Island as I mentioned I should like it. I can write more if I receive it this morning mail. Yours truly, David

Middlebury May 31th 1864

My Dear Sister

I have just taken your letter of May 24th from the office I was surprised to hear you say you had not hard from me I wrote you the first week of the present term. whither I directed it to Dundee or Pitersburgh ~~or not~~ I have forgotten

I am enjoying myself now very much my health is very good and I like our studies; our studies are all new. Geometry Odes of Horace and Herodituss

Geometry is the prettiest mathematics I ever studied Horace is rather pretty poetry But the Herodituss is long sentances which make the construction hard and gives a person a chance to thumb the grammar more than many persons like to

I saw Julia Saturday she seems to have enjoyed herself quite "much" since the

went West She is looking much better than when she went away Alma is teaching in that district this summer Says she has a very good school and is enjoying it very much Alice is also teaching Have the Western troops suffered very much in these last battles? the Vermont troops have suffered badly I attended the funeral of Truman Lane yesterday. He was orderly sergeant of Co. F 5th Vt. Vol. Mrs. Lane is feeling very badly Almost every person whom I knew in the Army is either killed or wounded The 5th Regt fought four hours with a breast work and ten feet distance between them and the Rebs. Ransome Linsley is wounded also Evarts Kent. In regard to going there in the fall I do not know what to do. If I had a good school I would go but I think if I can get along here it is best for me to stay unless it is an extra situation for a year or so

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